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THE DARDANELLES ISSUE

When Russia asked permission of Turkey to send warships through the Dardanelles, the Ottoman government acted with its usual shrewdness. Turkey is no friend of Russia's; her sympathy in this war is with the Japanese. At the same time she wants no quarrel with her powerful neighbor, so in answer to Russia's request she said she was quite willing to let the Russian warships pass if the other powers that signed the Berlin treaty were.

This treaty prohibits Russia from sending ships of war through the Dardanelles, though merchant vessels are allowed to pass. Having a large fleet in the Black Sea, Russia would like to dispatch some of her ships to the Far East. Of the Berlin signatory powers, France, Germany and Austro-Hungary are agreeable, but Great Britain objects. Turkey was quite sure she would and so sits back complacently while the British foreign office informs Russia that the passage of the Dardanelles by the Czar's ships of war would be "incompatible with the interests of the British Empire."

Russia, foiled in her main purpose, is now doing the next best thing in sending her volunteer steamers through. A volunteer steamer is a merchant steamer which may be easily transformed into an armed commerce-destroyer or scout—the America Maru, lately here being a boat of the same sort in the Japanese service. It is reported that a guardship has also made the Dardanelles trip but if so, she was probably unarmed. Obviously, however, Russia's scheme is not of a peaceful character, for each of the volunteer ships carries its battery in cargo as well as large consignments of ammunition and military stores. One may easily imagine the appearance of half a dozen such vessels in the Red Sea, releasing for duty further on the cruisers which pass their time intercepting merchantmen and examining mails.

The next move is Great Britain's and if the Dardanelles affair really becomes acute a British fleet may seek its old anchorage near Tenedos.

ISLAND ADVERTISING.

In advertising Hawaii in the magazines it would be a good plan to include, in each presentation, a short and catchy extract from the writings, favorable to these islands, of some distinguished man. So far as we have seen, Mark Twain's magnificent tribute has not yet been printed in the magazines though it is worth columns of self-laudation. The world knows Mark Twain and respects his judgment in matters of travel as in matters of literature; but it does not know the Hawaii Promotion Committee which signs such pleasant testimonials to the land it lives in and where its interests lie.

A little search will find a good many such advertisements worth repeating. A suitable extract from Bishop Potter's article on Hawaii in The Century and from Miss Bird's book and a dozen other works of travel; here and there a few lines of verse from such poems as "Waikiki," a paragraph from the late T. Dewitt Talmage's Hawaiian chapter of sightseeing, would answer a fine purpose in impressing tourists by outside testimony with the beauties and opportunities of Hawaii-nee.

A good word from a respected outsider about you is worth a hundred from yourself.

There seems to be a deliberate attempt on the part of people on the trans-Pacific route, to injure the Moana Hotel by reporting it closed. Passengers for here often land with that impression—Col. Fitch did among others—and now the story has got into the Oriental papers. Last winter the Moana did an excellent business and it hopes to next winter. In summer none of the hotels are well-patronized but the Moana appears to get along as comfortably as any of them. Certainly it has no idea of closing nor has it, at any time, been closed.

Mr. J. W. Erwin, the Camera Club's lecturer, has been employed by the San Francisco Merchants' Association to give his lantern-slide lecture on San Francisco at the World's Fair. As Mr. Erwin made slides while here and has a good Honolulu talk in his repertory it is possible that he could be induced, with the consent of the Merchants' Association which now employs him, to divide his time.

General Booth, of the Salvation Army, may be knighted, if he permits it. The King lately hinted as much to him but, as the dispatches say, he "held up his hands in holy horror."

The people around here who are surest of electing Parker are the ones who were certain that he couldn't beat Hearst in the convention.

ARE PIANOS DOOMED?

The Argonaut calls attention for the second time to the fact—if it is a fact—that the piano and its study are declining in their ancient popularity. As follows it brings up a strong reinforcement in the New York Times. "There are still several pianos sold annually, no doubt," says this paper, "but the proportion of those in nominal use which remain silent from three hundred to three hundred and sixty-five days in the year is steadily increasing. The business of teaching children and young persons to play on the piano is declining. The conviction is growing in the minds of parents that it does not pay to expend considerable sums of money to enable children, without musical talent, to acquire such superficial knowledge of this instrument as will enable them to disturb the peace and quiet of home without contributing anything to its pleasures. Real piano playing has been brought to a plane so high that one who has not acquired proficiency by long and arduous study hesitates to confess to any knowledge of it. Amateur work has been further discouraged by the multiplication of mechanical devices which, by the agency of strips of paper punched full of holes and wound on spools, can make music in more or less successful imitation of great compositions or trivial ones, so far beyond the ability of the average amateur piano player as to discourage effort. The mastery of the instrument, which is the possession of the few, has flooded the market with compositions requiring half a lifetime of hard and unremunerative work to comprehend and interpret. The futile little Bird Waltzes, Battles of Prague, and Maidens' Prayers, with variations, mastered with no great difficulty by the school-girl after one or two quarters of instruction, are things of the past. The net result is one of vast advantage to the average citizen. This year he can sit at his open window in a populous neighborhood and perhaps not hear the sound of a piano once in an evening. A few years ago he would have heard a dozen under like conditions, variously tortured and each contributing differently from the others to his mental and physical misery."

There was a time, as may be recalled from one's reading, when young women got their instrumental instruction from the harp and there are some people yet who would rather hear a harp than a Steinway Grand. The violin is also an instrument which yields soothing melodies and requires as much skill—not imitable as yet by any device which winds up—as the piano. Perhaps, in a few years, the violin will have the vogue lately enjoyed by the keyboard.

THE FEDERAL SENATE.

It is amusing to see how the minor Democratic organs figure out control of the United States Senate, a body in which the Republicans now have twenty-four majority. To get this prize they set down any State that they want as Democratic in its legislature. California, which the influx of northern settlers has made safely Republican, so far as its law-making branch is concerned, and generally Republican otherwise, is counted a sure thing. So is Connecticut, a manufacturing State which intends to keep itself protected and which the Democratic legislative ticket has no more chance of carrying in a Senatorial year than it has the back country of Vermont. Massachusetts, the Republican Gibraltar, which, we believe, has not elected a Democrat to the Senate since the war, is also on the sure thing list. Of "doomed Republican majorities" that of New York—51 in joint session—is conspicuous. Despite frequent Democratic Governors it is hard to remember when New York had a Democratic Legislature; and for the enemy to get one in a combined Presidential and Senatorial year would require a miracle. Other States figured for are Wisconsin, North Dakota, Rhode Island, West Virginia and Washington though if one of them goes Democratic this year it will astonish the politicians of both parties.

San Francisco now claims a population of 460,000 people. The figures are based upon the showing in the new city directory. According to the Chronicle, in this year's directory there are 187,160 names, exclusive of business houses. In 1900 the city directory contained 130,716 names and the United States decennial census of that year gave that city a population of 342,782. If there were 131,000 men and widows there when the population was definitely known to be 343,000, then the committee figures that now, with 187,000 names in the directory there must be all of 460,000 persons in the community. This would mean that San Francisco has been growing at the rate of about 34,000 a year, or nearly 3,000 a month, or almost 100 a day.

The correspondents who went so blithely to Japan—and remained there—are striking back, mostly critical of the treatment they received. Theirs is certainly a different experience from that of the correspondents in the war of 1894-95, who were almost hurried to the front, so eager was Japan to have her new-found glories recounted to the world. Creelman, Villiers, Cowen, Legarre, Ganesco, O'Shea, Ward, David-

son, Lalo and the rest were given all the chance they wanted to see troops in action. But that was before the day of wireless telegraph. The invention of that mysterious mode of aerial communication put all commanders by sea and land against the war correspondent and, in the belief of this paper, made an end of the business of reporting battles. It may be doubted that the next great war will see any reporters at the front or within the lines even.

John Wise is living up to his name by turning Republican.

To Examine Moanalua.

Castle & Withington, representing the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Co., addressed a letter to High Sheriff Brown yesterday requesting that Moanalua, the half witted Hawaiian, be examined as to his sanity. He is charged with abusing conductors and throwing stones at one while he was turning the trolley at the terminus of the line. This is alleged to have occurred June 21st. The High Sheriff will proceed to act on the case at once.

WHEN AN ICEBERG TURNS TURTLE.

Think of sections bigger than Rhode Island being torn from a glacier and swept off into the ocean, to be ferried 3,000 miles on the bosom of the Labrador current until the heated waters of the Gulf Stream cause them to vanish from human ken! Then can one form an idea of the immensity of the ice area discharged from the Greenland seas each year. Thousands of miles of valley are constantly emptying their contents into the bays and floods of the north waters, whence the tides hurry the detachments southward to cumber the wide Atlantic.

The disposition of icebergs to turn turtle is one of their most dangerous propensities. It arises from several causes. When they start out from Greenland their bottoms are heavy with the detritus gathered in their glacial period, and this drops off at intervals as they move south, causing their centre of gravity to change and the berg to assume new positions. The scientific theory of the formation of the vast submarine plateaus which extend from Labrador to Fundy and are commonly known as the Grand Banks of Newfoundland is that they are the products of the deposits of bergs during countless ages.—Leslie's Magazine

Built Me Up

Have you been ill? Are you still weak and discouraged? Do not get strength as fast as you think you should? Then take a good tonic, something that will aid your digestion and build you up quickly.



Here is a letter from Mr. R. Bartholomew, Jr., Mt. Torrens, So. Australia. He also sends his photograph. "After a very severe attack of rheumatism fever I was left in a very weak condition. It was feared that I could not possibly pull through. I could get no help from any medicine. I felt sure that unless there had been a change just at that time I could not have recovered. But a friend of mine had taken Ayer's Sarsaparilla and knew what a splendid tonic it was. So he urged me to try it. I can now truthfully say that I felt better even after the first dose. It seemed to build me right up from the very start, and in a few weeks my recovery was complete."

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